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1. [] a government-operated store in Chungsong-dong, P'yongyang city, served as a distribution point for various industrial and government activities. The store was under the direct control of the Commercial Control Division of the P'yongyang Central District People's Committee, and was at YD3921, about 20 meters from the Taedong-gyo in P'yongyang. 25X1
2. Thirteen salesgirls, two male clerks, and two executives were employed in this store. The manager was HWANG Yong-su (7806/7893/3178) [] the chief accountant was PAK Sa-so (2613/2686/3843) [] Salaries were based on the official government wage scale. The manager received 1,500 won per month, the chief accountant received 1,300 won per month, and the salesgirls received 800 to 900 won per month. 25X1 25X1
3. Most of the sales were made to personnel from the P'yongyang National Police Headquarters, who were authorized to make their side dish purchases at this store. Salesgirls were expected to sell 100,000 won worth of goods per day, but their daily average sales were from 50,000 to 60,000 won. When they did not meet the 100,000 won quota, they were reprimanded and were sometimes required to work overtime in order to meet this quota. They were usually able to attain their daily quota when foreign-made items were available for sale. Some Communist Chinese goods offered for sale were knitting wool, that sold for 7,200 to 7,400 won per pound; woolen undershirts, that sold for 3,400 won each; and fountain pens, that cost 600 won each.
4. In order to gain employment, prospective employees were required to submit to the employer an autobiographical statement, a personal history statement, a letter of recommendation, and a copy of residence registration. 25X1

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